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Mr. BAVIUS,

THO' the following Extracts would not, I hope, have been thought altogether improper to appear in your Paper at any time; yet I imagine they will be looked upon as leſs unſeaſonable in the approaching week. That week has been obſerved from the firſt ages of Chriſtianity in commemoration of our redemption by the death of CHRIST, who *brought life and immortality to light through the Goſpel:* and theſe Extracts are deſigned to repreſent thoſe in their true colours, who would reduce us back to a level with Heathens, and deprive us of all hope of *life and immortality*, by ridiculing that redemption, and undermining the credit of that revelation upon which it is intirely built.

As this revelation has now ſtood the teſt of the ſtricteſt inquiſition, for above ſeventeen hundred years; it ſeems neceſſary, that thoſe who would now overturn it, ſhould ſhew, that they have at leaſt as much virtue, and more learning and knowledge than thoſe who have embraced and defended it. Accordingly theſe reformers, being ſenſible that the world expects ſomething extraordinary from them, are continually blazoning the characters of one another in the brighteſt colours. Thus a late champion againſt the clergy (of whom they will no doubt take particular notice) aſſures them, That thoſe who have oppoſed them moſt † *have been men of learning, ingenuity, honour, and character.* What he means by the tautological addition of *character* is ſomewhat difficult to apprehend: but how great their *honour, ingenuity*, and eſpecially their *learning*, HAVE BEEN, will be evidently demonſtrated by the Inſtances I ſhall produce. They are taken from *Remarks by* PHILELEUTHERUS LIPSIENSIS *upon a Diſcourſe of Free-thinking*, publiſhed about twenty years ago; which was no other than a rhapſody of paſſages out of old and new writers, rak'd and ſcrap'd together by the joint labour of many hands, to abuſe all religion. Of this performance, at it's firſt appearance, the SECT *of Free-thinkers* (as they falſely and ridiculouſly call themſelves) boaſted loudly, repreſenting it as unanſwerable: but their triumph was of ſhort duration. The *Remarks* of PHILELEUTHERUS ſoon expoſed, diſconcerted, and confounded them to that degree, that the whole SECT could not find *learning*, and *ingenuity*, in one ſenſe of the word, among them all, ſufficient to dreſs up even the ſhadow of a *Reply*. And by their ſilence, they forfeited all claim to *ingenuity* in the other ſenſe; and to all *honour*, as philoſophers, by abandoning the defence of a book, which contains the principles and whole foundation of *Free-thinking*; and yet at the ſame time obſtinately perſiſting in their errors, without the leaſt acknowledgement or retractation of them. And ſince their conduct has continued the ſame to this time; and they have written of late years with ſuch ſelf-ſufficiency and conceitedneſs, as if they had themſelves intirely forgotten, or at leaſt hoped that others had, the total defeat which they then received; I think it proper to refreſh their memories, by laying before them a few of their blunders collected out of near an hundred: from which it will evidently appear, that their leaders at that time did not underſtand either Greek, or Latin, or Engliſh. I ſhall give an inſtance or two in each language; which, if they prove too long for one *Journal*, I deſire you would inſert now and then, as you ſhall think moſt convenient.

The firſt inſtance relating to Greek, I ſhall tranſcribe from the Lth *Remark* of PHILELEUTHERUS, whoſe words follow.

He quotes a long paſſage out of PLUTARCH's Treatiſe *of Superſtition*, which fills * two of his pages. And yet the whole is pure impertinence; and contributes nothing to any *free-thinking purpoſe whatever*. The deſign of PLUTARCH is to ſhew the deplorable miſery of Superſtition, when it is in extremity; when a man imagines the Gods, under the ſame idea we now do the Devils; when he fancies them † ἐμπλήκτους, ἀπίστους, εὐμεταβόλους, τιμωρητικούς, ὠμούς, μικρολύπους, *mad, faithleſs, fickle, revengeful, cruel, and diſguſted at the ſmalleſt things; when he figures* Diana, Apollo, Juno, Venus, *as acting under the moſt frantic and raving diſtractions*, &c. When Superſtition, ſays he, is arriv'd to this pitch, it's more intolerable than Atheiſm itſelf; *nay, it produces atheiſm, both in others that ſee them, and in themſelves, if they can emerge to it. For when fools fly from ſuperſtition, they run into atheiſm the other extreme,* †† ὑπερπηδήσαντες ἐν μέσῳ χειμένην τὴν Εὐσέβειαν, *skipping over right religion that lies in the middle.* This is the ſum of PLUTARCH's book. In other ‖ places he ſcourges atheiſm as ſeverely; nay, prefers a moderate ſuperſtition to it. But thoſe paſſages are to be drop'd; and this out of many volumes is ſingled out as a flower: which yet ſerves to no better end, than to ſhew our writer underſtands neither the language, nor the ſenſe.

Superſtition, ſays he, (by †† way of inſertion) *by which the Greeks meant* The fear of God, *and which* Theophraſtus *in his* Characters *expreſly defines ſo.* Not a ſyllable of this is true. The *Greeks* meant not abſolutely *fear*, but an *erroneous and vitious fear:* and THEOPHRASTUS defines it, not δέος *fear*, but δειλία, *a vain fearfulneſs.* —— *But of all fears*, ſays he, *none confounds a man like the religionary fear.* Here on purpoſe he leaves his guide, the laſt Engliſh tranſlator, who has it, *the vain religionary:* and the original, φόβος ὁ τῆς δεισιδαιμονίας, *the fear ariſing from ſuperſtition.* He will fix a calumny on *religion* and the *fear of God*, in ſpight of his author. — His juſtneſs of thought is conſpicuous in his verſion of this period: ** *Even ſlaves forget their maſters in their ſleep: ſleep lightens the irons of the fetter'd: their angry ſores, mortified gangrenes, and pinching pains allow them ſome intermiſſion at night: but ſuperſtition will give no truce at night.* If PLUTARCH had writ no better in the original, he would ſcarce have been now *the moſt known of all the Antients*, but long ago had been forgot. Mind the abſurdity: THEIR *angry ſores*, that is, *of the fetter'd:* as if all captives, or criminals, or ſlaves in chains *muſt needs* be full of ſores and ulcers. And then *mortified gangrenes allow ſome intermiſſion of pain.* If he had conſulted phyſicians, he might have known, that *mortified* parts can give no pain at all, and conſequently have no *intermiſſion.* And laſtly, *ſores and pains allow intermiſſion* AT NIGHT: falſe, for *night* is the periodical time of aggravation of pains. *But ſuperſtition will give no truce* AT NIGHT. Is that ſuch a wonder? even leſs *truce* than *in the day*; for darkneſs and ſolitude increaſe the *fears.* What a ſeries of nonſenſe has he father'd upon PLUTARCH? Of which nothing appears in the Greek; neither *their* ſores, nor *mortified gangrenes*, nor *at nights.* I'll tranſlate the paſſage word for word: *Sleep lightens the irons of the fetter'd: inflammations of wounds, cancerous corroſions of the fleſh, and all the moſt raging pains diſmiſs men, while they ſleep: ſuperſtition alone gives no truce nor ceſſation even in ſleep.* If this is not unworthy of PLUTARCH; the other certainly becomes none but our writer and his company.

But now comes a ſignal inſtance of the lightneſs of his hand, and the heavineſs of his head. In the middle of his long citation, p. 133, after the words *at noon-day*, he drops the period which immediately follows in the original, and tranſfers it into his 134th page, as if it was quoted from another place, and belong'd to another head. Why this legerdemain? The reaſon's apparent: PLUTARCH's own words, as repreſented in the laſt Engliſh verſion, not ſerving his turn; he quotes the place as it's tranſlated forſooth in the *Characteriſtics*, a book writ by an anonymous, but whoever he is, a very conceited and whimſical author. *O wretched Grecians who bring into religion that frightful mien of ſordid and vilifying devotion, ill favour'd humiliation and contrition, abject looks and countenances, conſternations, proſtrations, diſfigurations; and in the act of worſhip, diſtortions, conſtrain'd and painful poſtures of the body, wry faces, beggarly tones, mumpings, grimaces, cringings, and the reſt of this kind.* Thus far that nameleſs opiniatre: and our worthy writer introduces it with a grave air, *That* PLUTARCH *thus ſatirizes the public forms of devotion; which yet are ſuch, as in moſt countries paſs for the true worſhip of God.* As theſe words are not to be found in PLUTARCH, what muſt we think of this couple of corrupters and forgerers? There's nothing in all this, but their own *diſfigurations* and *diſtortions* of the original; their own *mumpings*, and *beggarly tones*, while they pretend to ſpeak in PLUTARCH's voice. Who having obſerved, *That Superſtition alone allows no eaſe nor intermiſſion even in ſleep*; 'for their dreams, *adds* 'he, do as much torment them then, as their waking 'thoughts did before. And then they ſeek for expiations 'of thoſe viſions nocturnal; charms, ſulfurations, dippings in the ſea, ſittings all day on the ground.

O Greeks, inventors of Barbarian ills, whoſe Superſtition has deviſed rowlings in the mire, and in the kennels, dippings in the ſea, grovelings and throwings upon the face, deformed ſittings on the earth, abſurd and uncouth adorations. This is a verbal interpretation; except that for Σαββατισμοὺς, *Sabbatiſms*, I have emended it Βαπτισμοὺς, *dippings*; and, if I miſtake not, for very good reaſons. — And now I dare ask the reader, if he has ſeen a more flagrant inſtance of unfaithfulneſs and forgery, than this of our two writers. *Humiliation* and *contrition*, known words in your Engliſh Liturgy, are to be traduc'd here under PLUTARCH's name. Where do thoſe and their other Phraſes appear in the original? Or where do the rites, he really ſpeaks of, appear in your *Form of worſhip?* Who among you *rowl themſelves in mire*, or *wallow in kennels?* A ceremony, fit only to be injoin'd to ſuch *crack-brain'd* and ſcandalous writers.

This is more than enough to ſhew the great ſkill of our author, or rather authors, in Greek; as well as their *ingenuity* and *honour* in their manner of tranſlating —— I ſhall now produce an inſtance or two of their ſkill in Latin. The firſt is taken from PHILELEUTHERUS's XVIIIth *Remark*: where he gives the following account of the mangling of a paſſage in CICERO *de Divin.* ii. 72.

* *Inſtat enim* (Superſtitio) *& urget, & quo te cumque verteris, perſequitur: ſive tu vatem, ſive tu omen audieris; ſive immolaris, ſive avem aſpexeris; ſi Chaldaeum, ſi haruſpicem videris; ſi fulſerit, ſi tonuerit; ſi tactum aliquid erit de caelo; ſi oſtenti ſimile natum factumve quippiam: quorum neceſſe eſt plerumque aliquid eveniat; ut nunquam liceat quieta mente conſiſtere*, &c. *If you give way to ſuperſtition, it will ever haunt and plague you. If you* go to *a prophet, or* regard *omens; if you ſacrifice, or* obſerve *the flight of birds; if you* conſult *an aſtrologer or haruſpex; if it thunders or lightens, or any place* is conſum'd *with lightening, or* ſuch like *prodigy happens* (*as it is* neceſſary *ſome ſuch often* ſhould) *all the tranquillity of the mind is deſtroy'd*, &c.

The whole tour of the paſſage is this: A man given to Superſtition can have no ſecurity, day or night, waking or ſleeping: for occaſions of it will *force* themſelves upon him, *againſt his will*, do what he can to prevent them: and ſo all the particulars here ſpecified are *involuntary* and *unſought.*

But our Tranſlator gives it a quite different turn. —— *Sive tu vatem, ſive tu omen audieris: If you* GO TO *a prophet, or* REGARD *omens.* Pray, where's the Latin to anſwer *go* and *regard?* or where is common ſenſe, thus plainly to beg the queſtion? For if one *goes* upon ſuperſtitious errands, no doubt he's troubled with ſuperſtition? The true ſenſe is this: *If you* hear *a* lunatic *or* frantic *in the ſtreets foretelling ſome miſchiefs; if a word is ſpoken accidentally in* your hearing, *which may be interpreted ominous.* The *vates* or *divini* were mad-fellows bawling in the ſtreets and rodes; and their predictions might be contemn'd, but muſt neceſſarily be *heard*, if you came that way.

Sive immolaris, ſive avem aſpexeris. A man was obliged often to *ſacrifice*, even by his office; and birds muſt needs be *ſeen*, if one ſtept but out of Rome. *Si Chaldaeum, ſi haruſpicem videris: If you* SEE *them*; and That could not be prevented, all public places being haunted with them. But what does our tranſlator make of theſe? *If you ſacrifice*, ſays he, *or* OBSERVE *the flight of birds; if you* CONSULT *an aſtrologer or haruſpex.* Pure nonſenſe again: and point blank againſt CICERO's meaning: one makes that done by *deſign*, which the other makes by *accident.* If by *accident*; then it's true, that Superſtition (*inſtat & urget*) *haunts and plagues you*, and there's no eſcaping it: but if by *deſign*, 'tis labouring in a Fairy circle, 'tis begging and ſuppoſing the thing in debate.

To paſs in ſilence his falſe verſion of *de caelo tactum, conſumed with lightening* inſtead of *blaſted*; the next inſtance of his dulneſs ſurpaſſes all belief. *Si oſtenti ſimile*

† *The extraordinary claims of the Clergy, &c. pag.* 41.
* *Diſcourſe of Free-thinking*, p. 132, 133.
‖ Plut. 295, 296.
†† *Ibid.* 299.
‖ *Contra Colotem* & alibi.
†† *Diſcourſe of Free thinking*, p. 132.
** *Ibid. Pag.* 133.
* *Ibid. Pag.* 35.

natum factumve quippiam: that is, *If any monſter is born, or ſomething* like a prodigy *happens*; as raining of blood, or wheat, or the like. You ſee CICERO ſays *oſtenti ſimile*, LIKE *a prodigy*; for his part in that diſcourſe was to deny there were *true* prodigies. A monſter with two heads was no prodigy, but was occaſioned by natural cauſes: the blood or wheat, was either a miſtake, or was carried up by a whirlwind. But behold now how our Tranſlator has managed it: *If any* SUCH-LIKE *prodigy happens*. This verſion, I am ſure, is a greater prodigy than any of them all. What, *Oſtenti ſimile, a ſuch-like prodigy?* 'Tis manifeſt by his conſtructions, he joined them in the ſame caſe, as adjective and ſubſtantive. Stupidity incredible! I'l leave every man to his own aſtoniſhment, and ſay no more of the matter. I'l only ask him, not where his *Grammar*, but where his brains were; when by owning and confeſſing *ſuch-like prodigies*, he fruſtrated both CICERO's and his own argument?

Quorum neceſſe eſt plerumque aliquid eveniat; that is, *Of which things* (all that were enumerated before) *ſome or other* MUST *frequently happen*. Obſerve that MUST, *neceſſe eſt*, muſt happen of *neceſſity*. Had our Tranſlator had the leaſt grain of ſagacity, this laſt *comma* might have guided him to the true meaning of the former; that the inſtances muſt all be *accidental*, and not *voluntary* and with deſign.

Thus it is evident, that our author has miſconſtrued almoſt every part of this paſſage; that he has made the firſt parts contradict the laſt, and ſo has put his own nonſenſe upon the great original; that he has weakned his own deſign, and made the place ſpeak with leſs ſtrength againſt ſuperſtition, than it really does.

The next inſtance is in the XIXth *Remark* upon his tranſlation of two lines in HORACE, *Epiſt.* Lib. ii. 2.

Somnia, terrores Magicos, miracula, ſagas,
Nocturnos lemures, portentaque Theſſala rides?

Are you ſo much above Superſtition, as to laugh at all dreams, panick fears, *miracles, witches, ghoſts, and prodigies?*——*Magicos terrores, Panick fears*, tranſlated ſo unhappily, that both the words are wrong. For *terrores* are not *fears* here, the internal paſſion of the mind; but external *terrors*, the tricks and artifices of *wizards*, to fright, ſcare and terrify. And then by ſubſtituting *panick* for *magick*, he has juſt ſerv'd HORACE as he did CICERO; and made him talk compleat nonſenſe. A general fright, falling upon an army or city, as if the enemy was at the camp or the gates; when the alarm was found to be falſe and groundleſs, the Greeks called a *Panick*, as if the God PAN was the author of it. Now theſe frights can never be known to be *panick* and vain, till the buſineſs is over. What ſenſe therefore can he make of this Engliſh? *Are you ſo much above Superſtition, as to laugh at Panick fears?* What, *laugh* in the beginning or hight of them? Here's a ſudden alarm comes at midnight, that all Rome is on fire: is not HORACE to ſtir out of his Bed, but fall a *laughing*, and ly ſtill? A ſagacious interpreter! not to reflect, that *Panick fear* is no object of Superſtition; and conſequently could not come with the reſt of that liſt in *Horace*. Unleſs his Worſhip will ſay, that the precept here is, *To laugh at Panick fears, after they are known to be ſo.* A merry precept indeed! which thoſe that were moſt ſcared, will be the readieſt to follow; when once their fears are vaniſhed, and the alarm is over.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Daily Courant.*
P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
DP. *Daily Poſt.*
DJ. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
LP. *London Daily Poſt.*
SJ. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
LE. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *Mar.* 27. Yeſterday a plan of a building for the reception of the 2 houſes of parliament, and likewiſe one for receiving the Cotton library, were laid before his majeſty. *C.*

The report of the right hon. the earl of Eſſex being ſet out on his return to the court of Turin was a miſtake. *DA.* —— *This* report *was publiſhed yeſterday by* C. *and* DA.

Mr. Hawkſmore and Mr. James are to have the direction of finiſhing Greenwich hoſpital. *LP.*

Nottingham, Mar. 20. Laſt tueſday the aſſizes ended, when Liddy Bound received ſentence of death for the murder of her baſtard child. *C.* —— Yeſterday the aſſizes ended at Kingſton, when 8 received ſentence of death. *DP.*

The ſame morning a man from Seven-oakes and a ſoldier run 175 yards in the Mall for 20 guineas a ſide, which was won by the latter by about half a yard. *C.*—165 yards: 'tis ſaid, the bets depending amounted to upwards of 1000 l. *DJ.* —— The ſame day the famous walking barber, at Twickenham [from Iſleworth. *C.*] walk'd up and down the Mall 36 times, being 18 miles, within 3 hours. *DJ.*— For 20 guineas. *P.* —40 l. *DJ.* —— He perform'd it in 2 hours, 48 minutes and a half. *DA.* —— In 2 hours 58 minutes and a half. *P.* —— He won it by a minute and a half. *C.*

Married yeſterday Jam. Cecil, of Eaſt Grinſtead, Eſq; to Miſs Jane Rotherey, a fine young lady, with a fortune of 7000 l. and 200 l. per ann. *C.*

Died, on the 16th, at Laycock in Wilts, Mrs. Diana Montagu, relict of James Montagu of Lackham, Eſq; *LP.*

FRIDAY, *Mar.* 28. We hear that his majeſty hath ſettled a penſion of 200 l. per ann. on the widow of Phil. Lloyd, Eſq; late equerry to his majeſty. *LP.*

Yeſterday the right hon. the earl of Peterborough, general of the marines, waited on his majeſty. We hear his lordſhip has reſign'd his commiſſion, and is to have a penſion for life. *DA.*

The ſame day her grace the ducheſs of Dorſet ſet out for the Bath. *DA.*

We hear from Cambridge, that a certain burſar has made his compoſition with his college, by paying down 1200 l. in money, and 300 l. in effects, and conſenting to the ſequeſtration of the profits of the fellowſhip. *P. DP. DA.*

Sir John Jacob, Bar. was on ſaturday robb'd near Bourn-bridge in Cambridgeſhire, by a highwayman poorly dreſs'd, and worſe mounted: his hand trembled to that degree, that he dropt his piſtol; but before the ſervants could take any advantage, he had got out another from under his coat. He took from Sir John about 8 l. and from another gentleman 40 s. and chinking it in his hand, ſwore, It was too poor a triſle for a man to be hang'd for. *DA.* — *One would rather imagine, that the* hands *of theſe* gentlemen *and their* ſervants trembled.

Died yeſterday in Groſvenor-ſtreet, the lady of Col. Schutz. *DP.* —— She has left 9 children. *DA.*

SATURDAY, *Mar.* 29. The fleet deſigned for the Mediterranean this ſpring, has orders to rendezvous at Spithead. *C. DJ.*

On monday 8 fellows were elected at S. John's college, Cambridge, under the degree of maſter of arts, viz. Mr. Weſton, Mr. Price, Mr. Anſley, Mr. Lowndes, Mr. Tyſon, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Squire, Mr. Rawſtorne. *LP.*

The report of the right hon. Sir Will. Strickland, Bar. ſecretary of war, having reſigned his poſt, is without foundation. *C.*

The James, Capt. Yoakley, lately arrived from South Carolina, has brought a great quantity of rice and raw ſilk from our new ſettlement at Georgia. *C. DJ.*

On thurſday night Mr. Hart, eldeſt ſon of governor Hart, who has been for ſome time unhappily diſorder'd in his ſenſes at his chambers in Lincoln's-inn, took an opportunity, as his keeper went to light the apothecary down ſtairs, to ſhut the door upon him; but he having had it broke open, Mr. Hart drew a pair of ſciſſars and ſtabb'd him in the ſide. The wound was thought very pangerous, but yeſterday the ſurgeon ſeem'd to be of opinion, that the man will do well again. *DA.* — *The account ſeems falſe, that this* gentleman *grew* diſordered in his ſenſes after *taking a certain famous pill; one would rather think he was ſo* before.

On wedneſday night about 12 an eminent Toyman near the Haymarket, was knock'd down in Sheer-lane, and robb'd of his gold watch; at the ſame time a villain help'd him up, and pretending to aſſiſt him, carry'd him to a houſe of ill repute, where the ſaid gentleman was robb'd of his purſe with 40 guineas in it. *DP.* — 40 guineas *was a high price for a* new toy.

Married yeſterday Pet. du Cane, Eſq; to Miſs Norris, a lady of fine accompliſhments, and a fortune of 5000 l. *DJ.* —— 10,000 l, *DP. DA.*

Yeſterday morning Mr. Clayton, maſter of the Crown-coffee-houſe at Cripplegate, hang'd himſelf. *C. P. DP. DJ.* —— He was to have been married in a few days; and they found in his pocket a licence, and a gold ring. *DA.* —— He was in the coffee-room at the fire juſt before: 'tis ſaid, this was occaſioned by the breaking off a match, fixed for the beginning of this week. *LP.*

The ſame day a ſailor was hang'd on board the Kent, for deſerting, &c. *DP.*

MONDAY, *Mar.* 31. Yeſterday the Court changed their mourning, on account of the deaths of the princeſs Sophia Hedwig, and the duke of Brunſwick Wolfenbuttle. *DJ.* —— The right rev. the lord biſhop of S. Aſaph preach'd before their majeſties, &c. *C. P. DJ.*— Perform'd divine ſervice. *DA.*

On ſaturday in the afternoon his majeſty's ſhip the Rippon, a fourth rate, and the Thunder Bomb, were launched at Woolwich: upon which occaſion a large ox was roaſted whole on the green, and 10 barrels of beer given by Capt. Swale, commander of the Rippon. *C.* —— The Alderny ſloop, formerly the Thunder Bomb. *P. DA.*— The Saltaſh ſloop. *DP.* —— A new man of war of 60 guns, named the Alderney. *LP.*

Yeſterday the right hon the earl of March, ſon of his grace the duke of Richmond, was baptized by the name of Charles: the duke of Grafton, and the lord Cadogan, were godfathers, and her royal highneſs the princeſs Caroline godmother. *P. DA.* ——— Laſt night about 7. *DJ.*

His excellency Horatio Walpole, Eſq; will ſoon return from Paris. *P.* —— We hear that the horſe and foot-guards will be encamp'd, during his majeſty's abſence at Hanover. *LP.*

Edw. Liſle and Francis Semour, Eſqrs; are duly elected for Marlborough in Wilts. —— Geo. Littleton, Eſq; ſon of Sir Thomas, was on friday choſen for Oakhampton in Devonſhire without oppoſition. *DA.*

Laſt thurſday evening 6 fellows came to an alehouſe near Moor-fields, and ſtaid drinking 'till all the company were gone, when they bound the boy and maſter, and rifled the houſe, &c. *DA.*

One night laſt week ſome neighbours drinking at a coffee-houſe in Fleet-ſtreet about 10 at night, a fellow pretending to be mad, who ſaid he was the ſon of God, and came to ſave their ſouls, came in; but the gentlemen queſtioning his commiſſion, caned him, and turned him out of doors. *LP.* — *If this* fellow *was not* mad, *he was a* free-thinker; *but perhaps both.*

Married, on wedneſday, Randolph Stevens, Eſq; to Mrs. Wyatt, a celebrated young widow in Worceſterſhire, with 8000 l. fortune. *DA.*

Early on wedneſday morning, the Chicheſter waggon, being heavy laden, broke down behind, coming over Hind-head, and Mr. Ailing a wheelwright near Godalmin, and his man, fixing a new wheel, the jack ſlipt; the man ſprung away, but Mr. Ailing was kill'd, his forepart and legs were cruſhed together, and his back ſqueez'd double. *DJ.*

TUESDAY, *Ap.* 1. We hear that his majeſty's field equipages are getting ready at Hanover. *C.*

The fleet in commiſſion this ſummer, will conſiſt of 56 ſhips of the line of battle, 4 fireſhips, and 4 hoſpital ſhips. *C.*

We hear that a ſcheme will be propoſed for keeping up 10,000 marines, to be formed into independent companies. *C.*

On ſaturday the right hon. the lady North and Grey, relict of the late lord, arrived at Greenwich from Helvoetſluys; and yeſterday ſhe waited on their majeſties, and met with a gracious reception. *DA.*——Moſt gracious reception. *C.*

Briſtol, Mar. 28. Laſt friday the aſſizes ended at Taunton, when 1 malefactor received ſentence of death. *C. P. DP. DA.*

On ſunday Mr. Marriot was attacked upon Epping-foreſt by a Highwayman, who wounded him in the ſide; but the gentleman making a brave reſiſtance, he rode off. *DA.* ——By 2 highwaymen, one of whom firing a piſtol, the ball graz'd on Mr. Marriot's belly; but a coach coming up, the robbers rode off. *LP.*

Yeſtarday one Brindley, a noted maſculine woman of the town, was committed to the Poultry-compter for violently aſſaulting one Mr. Brown, a ribbon weaver, near old Bedlam, and robbing him of a guinea, 3 half guineas, and half a crown, on ſunday night between 10 and 11. *DP.*

Died yeſterday of the ſmall-pox, in Leiceſter-ſtreet, Will. Wodehouſe, Eſq; knight of the ſhire for the county of Norfolk. *C. P. DP.* ——Eldeſt ſon of Sir John. *LP.* ——The ſame morning Mrs. Bowyer of Camberwell, by whoſe death an eſtate of near 1000 l. per ann. comes to Jos. Wyndham Aſhe, Eſq; *DJ.* ——Sir Robert Furneſe, of Walderſhaw in Kent, Bar. at Montpelier. The title and eſtate of near 6000 l. per ann. goes to his couſin Hen. Furneſe, Eſq; *LP.*

WEDNESDAY, *Ap.* 2. Laſt thurſday his grace the archbiſhop of Canterbury, after examining Mr. Tho. Bathurſt, ſigned his preſentation to a fellowſhip in All ſouls college, Oxon, as a founder's kinſman. *C.*

Married on thurſday the rev. Mr. John Jebb to the only daughter of Dav. Ganſel Eſq; a beautiful young lady of great merit and fortune. *P.*

Died, on ſunday at Barnſtable, in his 65th year, Jam. Fuller Eſq; of Suſſex. *C.*——The ſame day at Harrow on the hill, Mrs, Mary Totten, worth 25,000 l. *P.*

Yeſterday being *Apr.* 1. a butcher's bay at Cow-croſs, near Weſt-ſmith-field, tied himſelf about the ſhoulders with a rope to a beam at his maſter's door, to make people believe he had hanged himſelf; but they remembring the day took little notice of him, and the rope ſlipping from his ſhoulders to his neck, he was dead before they could cut him down. *P.*——*This paragraph ſeems made for the day.*

Yeſterday morning Mr. Onner jun. one of the clerks of the cuſtom-houſe, coming from Stoke-Newington, was thrown from his horſe, and kill'd upon the ſpot.

DJ.——Mr. Honour: his father was in company with him. *LP.*

We hear that on monday next will be perform'd, a Comedy call'd a Fond Husband, or the Plotting Sisters; to which will be added Perseus and Andromeda, in which Mr. Rochetti will perform the Part of Perseus for his own Benefit.

Tickets are to be had at Mr. Hippisley's Coffee-house in Bow-street, Covent-Garden.

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-street.*

Admiranda tibi levium spectacula rerum. VIRG.

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your humble servant,

Coll. Gresh. Feb. 28, 1734-5. LYNCEUS LILLIPUT.

P. S. I have not as yet prepared a sufficient number for sale; but if any doubt my veracity, they may inquire farther about me of PETER at Batson's coffee-house in Cornhill.

EPIGRAM.

FURIO, dear brother Grub, you wonder, Why
To sale expos'd in vain your Pieces lye.
Learning you have profound, and genius strong;
But to this hour you've chosen subjects wrong.
Priest-craft's the only subject that will sit ye:
This made great TINDAL, and his Heir, so witty.

MARVIUS.

Since our last, we have received a *Letter* from SOMEBODY, a second subscribed HA HA HA, a third from *Oxford*; a *Ballad*, *Verses written at Crambo*, *Verses to a married man*, an *Epigram* by G. S. and another by S. S.

FOREIGN NEWS.

FRIDAY, *Mar.* 28. On the 28th the queen of France miscarried. *DP.*——Being about three months gone with child. *DA.*——Has suffered the accident of an abortion. *DJ.*——Was delivered of a false conception. *C. P. LP.*

Mr. Horace Walpole arrived at Paris the same day, in order to render more effectual his labours for the salutary work of peace. *P.*——But they very much doubt his success. *P. DP. LP.*

SATURDAY, *Mar.* 21. A ranting pamphlet is published at Vienna, intitled, *An alarm to the sleepers, or a letter from a Catalan to an Englishman.* P.——*Awake the sleeper* &c. *DA.*

MONDAY, *Mar.* 31.——*Paris, Ap.* 5. The king of Sicily, after a passage of four hours, arrived there safe the 9th. *P. DP. DJ.*——Amongst other wonderful things this age has produced, a prelate of France has lately thrown up a rich bishoprick for a punctillo of conscience. We have a set of men here who say he is mad: we know not how he may pass on your side the water. *DA.*

Yesterday Bank Stock was 141 1 half, for the Opening. India 149, for the Opening. S. S. Trading-Stock 82 7 8ths, a 3 8ths. Old Annuities 107 1 half, for the Opening. Ditto New Annuities 106 3 4ths, a 1 8th, a 1 4th, a 3 8ths. Three per Cent. Annuity 93 3 4ths, a 1 half. Million Bank 109 1 half. African 20. York-Buildings 4. Royal Assurance 98, a 3 8ths. London Assurance 12 3 4ths, for the Opening. New Bank Circulation 61. 17 s. 6 d. Prem. South-Sea Bonds 3 l. 16 s. a 12 s. Prem. India ditto 4 l. 14 s. a 10 s. Pr. Three per Cent. ditto 2 l. 14 s. a 12 s. Prem. English Copper 2 l. 2 s. Welsh ditto Books shut. Salt Tallies 3 1 4th per Cent.

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